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Scarce Large Blue butterfly, *Maculinea telejus* Bergstr. (Lep.: Lycaenidae), in Slovenia

Slovenia seems to be on the edge of or possibly outside the range of *Maculinea telejus,* according to distribution maps in the European field guides. However, I was lucky enough to find a few specimens on 26th July at Ljubljansko Barje. This is a former peat bog, now extensively drained for agriculture, just outside the capital city, Ljubljana.

Since finding this species and *M. nausithous* Bergstr. in Austria in 1992 (*Ent. Rec.* **105**: 143-146), I have been looking out for grassland dominated by their foodplant *Sanguisorba officinalis.* Although *Sanguisorba* was present at Ljubljansko Barje, it was much more plentiful in a larger area of damp, unimproved grassland at Planinsko Polje, some 25km south-west of Ljubljana. Some 50 hectares of meadows were dominated by *Sanguisorba,* but I could not find any Large Blues when I visited on 4th August.

It may be worth checking this area and nearby poljes at Cernicka and Postojna in mid-July.– David Withrington, English Nature, Northminster House, Peterborough PE1 1UA.